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### E-FILING

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
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RE: Sprint Communications Company, L.P. – Arbitration Consolidation  
Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative (ITC) TC06-175

Sprint Communications Company, L.P. – Arbitration Consolidation  
Brookings Municipal Utilities d/b/a Swiftel Comm. TC06-176  
GPGN File No. 5925.060584

Sprint Communications Company, L.P. – Petition for Authority to Provide Local  
Exchange Service in Certain Rural Areas served by Interstate  
Telecommunications Cooperative (ITC) TC06-180

Sprint Communications Company, L.P. – Petition for Authority to Provide Local  
Exchange Service in Certain Rural Areas served by Brookings Municipal Utilities  
d/b/a Swiftel Comm. TC06-178  
GPGN File No. 5925.060598

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Sprint Communication Company, L.P. requests the Commission postpone the decisions scheduled by the Commission for its meeting next Tuesday, November 14, 2006, regarding SDTA's Petitions to Intervene in the above-entitled four matters. These items are listed in the telecommunications part of the agenda under items numbered 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Sprint received the first two interventions filed by SDTA by mail on November 4, 2006. Therefore, the decision date the Commission has scheduled is less than ten (10) working days from receipt of the first two intervention petitions and less than five (5) working days from

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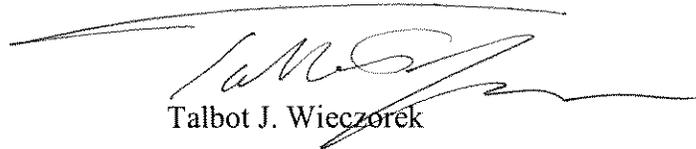
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of the second two intervention petitions. Sprint requests the Commission postpone the decisions on SDTA's Petitions to Intervene in these four matters until its next regularly scheduled meeting on November 28, 2006. This will allow Sprint time to review the petitions and determine if it will file objections and, in the case of the arbitrations, allow Sprint time to review the responses that will be filed next week to see if those responses impact the Petitions for Intervention.

I spoke with Rich Coit, counsel for SDTA, and Mr. Coit informs me he has no objection to the Commission postponing its decision on SDTA's requests for intervention in these four matters to the November 28, 2006 meeting.

If the Commission desires a formal motion requesting the hearing on the Petitions for Intervention be postponed, please let me know and I will immediately file a formal motion. If the Commission desires more information or anything else regarding this request, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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